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## Provincial Legislature

**The Spell Is Broken In The Local House by Wrangle In Committee.**

**Liberals Make Virtue of Changed Front on the Eight Hour Bill.**

**Macdonald Gives Notice of Intention to Test Government's Strength.**

Tuesday, Feb. 21. The House met at 2 o'clock, and after the reading of prayers by Rev. G. K. Adams, the following was the order of business.

**Petitions.**  
Mr. Gordon presented a petition from the Property Owners' Association of Victoria and Vancouver asking amendments to the Municipalities Act.  
Mr. Gifford presented a petition from Max Macgowan for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver, Upper Stave River and Lillooet Lake Railway.

The petition from the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, asking for amendments to the Placer Mining Act, was received.

**Reports.**  
The Attorney General presented the third report of the Agent General's office, also the report of the Fisheries Commissioner for British Columbia for 1904.

Hon. Mr. Green presented a return giving copies of all petitions, letters or telegrams bearing on the dismissal of George J. Inday as road superintendent in the Greenwood riding, also a return showing the number of timber leases granted from July 1, 1903, to date, with the names of the lessees, the area leased, the number of days elapsed in each case between the date of calling for and the date of expiry of the return, the tenders in each case, the amount of bonus paid in each case.

The Minister of Finance presented a statement of special warrants signed by Hon. Thomas D. Laing, Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between Feb. 10, 1904, and Feb. 16, 1905, also a return of abstract of receipts and expenditures of the province for the half-year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

**Motions.**  
Mr. J. A. Macdonald moved that an order of the House be granted for a return of the correspondence relative to an alleged failure of the Premier to enforce section 4 of chapter 40 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1903-4, in the coal mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.

The Premier remarked that this apparently had reference to a complaint raised through a lawyer at Vernon, that a certain overman employed by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. was not possessed of the necessary certificate. He remarked that as soon as this matter was brought to the attention of the department instructions were given with a view of having the law strictly enforced.

**Questions.**  
Mr. Gifford asked: 1. Has the attention of the government been attracted to the statement in the public press that Commissioner Babcock appeared at Olympia, at the invitation of the Puget Sound Cannery Association, and urged the passage of Earl's bill? 2. Has Mr. Babcock permitted to so appear?  
Is the government aware that the Victoria board of trade, Westminster council and board of trade, and the Fishermen's Union, have strongly protested against the action which Mr. Babcock took at the invitation of the Puget Sound Cannery Association, but on the request of the chairman of the committee on fisheries and of the chairman of the assembly committee on fisheries, but not for the purpose of urging the passage of any particular bill?

Mr. Evans asked: 1. Have the Victoria Power Co. a record of 5,000 inches of water on the Kootenai river? 2. Have the Victoria Power Co. agreed to allow the Victoria board of trade to run the dam for the benefit of the settlers lower down the river? 3. If so, has the record of the Victoria Power Co. been amended so as to secure the 1,000 inches of water before mentioned permanently for the benefit of the settlers? 4. If not, why not?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied: 1. Yes. 2. Yes, verbally. 3. No. 4. The terms under which the agreement will be carried out are under consideration.  
Mr. Oliver asked: 1. Have the government done anything to give effect to the recommendation of the municipal committee of last year as to the division of the Municipal Act into three classes of municipalities, 1904, page 88? 2. If not, why not?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied: 1. No. 2. It has not been deemed advisable to do so yet.

**Second Reading.**  
The bill for licensing commercial travellers stood for second reading.  
Mr. Cameron, who on a previous day asked adjournment of its consideration in order to have opportunity to look the measure over, said he believed the bill had been introduced at the suggestion of some of the wholesalers, from whose standpoint perhaps it was all right. Personally he was not sure as to the powers of the House to pass such legislation as it was, and in his reference with trade and commerce. In saying this he did not wish to be understood as opposing the bill, but in its present shape it would be far from accomplishing what was intended. Many local wholesalers had complained that they who took orders for goods coming into the province, and they would be liable under the bill as it then stood. They would also be liable by taking samples. Then there were resident commercial agents who were citizens of the province and subject to local taxation, and who maintained sample rooms for which they paid taxes. He thought a distinction should be made in their case. He did not know that there was another province in Canada that was enforcing such legislation except as applied possibly to liquors and cigars, and he did not know whether the time had come when this province should adopt such a policy. Again under the municipal law they had power to tax transient traders, such as peddlers, etc., and this bill duplicated that power. He thought this unwise. He thought the bill should be laid on the table for a time so that interests affected might have a chance to be heard.

The Attorney General said he did anticipate the evils suggested. He did not think the bill made anybody liable who was carrying on business in the province. At the same time he suggested

that it might be subjected to scrutiny in committee.

Mr. Macgowan said that he was opposed to the bill as it stood. Agents for eastern houses who carried goods in the province would be liable for the licence. It looked like another rap at the commercial men of the country.

Mr. Henderson moved the adjournment of the debate.  
The bill to amend the Judgments Act, 1899, passed second reading. Also the bill to amend the Distraint Procedure Act, and the bill respecting assignments and preferences by insolvent persons.  
The matter for the second reading of the bill to provide an eight hour day for smelters was passed over by consent of Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

**A Committee Wrangle.**  
The bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act was taken up in committee of the whole.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite proposed an amendment to provide a term of imprisonment in default of payment of the penalty, which miners were subject to under the bill, for working more than eight hours underground.  
Mr. Cotton asked if the result of the bill would not be to make the hours of work less than eight hours. He understood when the original bill was submitted last session that it did not interfere with the hours of the miners, but with reference to the island?

Mr. Hawthorthwaite appeared not to grasp the purpose of this interrogation.  
Mr. Oliver said that perhaps the bill of last session was passed under a little misapprehension. He remembered a statement made by the introducer of the bill that it did not interfere with the working hours in the coast mines, but that it was intended to restrict only working eight hours from bank to bank.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said he stated last year, when introducing the bill, that on the coast it had been customary (Continued on Page Eight.)

## JAPANESE FLEET LOCATED.

Kamimura Reported In Indian Ocean and Great Battle Expected.

London, Feb. 21.—The correspondent at Tokyo of the Daily Telegraph states that Admiral Kamimura and his squadron are in the Indian ocean, and the correspondent believes that great naval events are pending.

## MRS. CASSIE CHADWICK.

Grand Jury Presents One More Indictment Against Adventurers.

Cleveland, Feb. 21.—The federal grand jury today returned two additional indictments against Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, covering seven in all, standing against her in the United States district court.

## GEN. STOESSEL INDIGNANT.

Former Commander of Port Arthur Again Denies Published Reports.

Kaffa, Crimea, Feb. 21.—Lieut. General Stoessel, the former commander at Port Arthur, arrived here today.

General Stoessel was welcomed by a cheering crowd and a deputation from the municipality greeted him with addresses of welcome. Many relatives of those who had defended Port Arthur were present and there were pathetic exhibitions of grief and joy according to the news received of their friends.

The general expressed indignation at the London newspapers' report regarding the numbers of the available troops at Port Arthur at the time of the surrender of the fortress, and said the Russian fleet, he added, was destroyed beyond repair. There was no medicine in the fortress, it could not have held out more than a day longer, and the surrender saved the few women and children.

## SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST ACT.

Most Exhaustive Inquiry Into Combine Just Started in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—United States officers commenced one of the most exhaustive inquiries ever started under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, by issuing subpoenas for 185 witnesses calling for a federal grand jury to sit March 2nd, and arranged to produce complete evidence regarding the operations of the packers of Chicago and other packing centres.

One hundred and thirty witnesses are to be from the Chicago packing houses, and the other 55 are heads of departments and agents in fifteen large cities of the country. Nearly all the local subpoenas were served today.

The jury will be drawn Thursday or Friday. The first subpoenas were served in New York city and Jersey city on Monday.

In other outside cities the deputies began work this morning. These cities are: Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Pittsburg, Omaha, St. Louis, St. Paul, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Sioux City, St. Paul, Fort Worth, Jersey City and Milwaukee.

J. Ogden Armour, as well as the heads of other packing companies or representatives, declining to talk regarding the determined step which the government has taken to scrutinize their business. Attorney John Miller, who represented the combined packers named in the Grosscup injunction, said that the investigation will satisfy the government that the packers are observing the requirements of the injunction.

## PEACE IS IN SIGHT.

Probable That Overtures to End Hostilities Will Shortly Be Made.

London, Feb. 22.—Rumors that peace between Russia and Japan is probable in the near future is characterized by the press of London this morning as having strong inherent probability. It is pointed out as a noteworthy fact that Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, had had several audiences recently with King Edward and that the King on Sunday received in audience Mr. Sprin-Eier, commander of the Japanese fleet at St. Petersburg, who had just returned from Washington, where he was received by Secretary Hay and President Roosevelt.

According to continental reports, the Emperor of Austria has tried to persuade Emperor Nicholas to seek peace. It is suggested that the terms as outlined by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company may be regarded as forming an extremely possible basis for peace, as they are held to include more than Japan claimed before the war. Minister Hayashi last night said he was not aware of any new factor tending to induce Russia to make overtures, and had no intimation pointing to the conclusion of peace. Neither could he say what terms would be acceptable to Japan.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Peace talk between Russia and Japan always finds attentive ears in the Japanese capital, according to Mr. Takahira, the minister from that country, have no reason to take the initiative. The general expectation is that should Japan decide to take the initiative, she would make representations through Great Britain or France.

## Balfour Is Sustained

**Irish Attack on Government Results In a Reduced Majority.**

**Result of Division Greeted With Prolonged Opposition Cheers.**

**Premier's Speech Was Frequently Interrupted By Hooting Hibernians.**

LONDON, Feb. 21.—John Redmond's amendment to the address in reply to speech from the throne was defeated in the house of Commons tonight 288 to 236, after a two-days debate on the Irish situation. The amendment declared in effect, that "The present system of government (of Ireland) is opposed to the will of the Irish people."

The result of the debate showed that all agreed that the present system of government of Ireland is unsatisfactory but there was a disagreement concerning methods by which discontent might be abated and Ireland cease to be a disturbed element in the policies of the United Kingdom.

At the opening of the discussion today John Dillon and Timothy Healy supported the amendment.

W. S. Kenyon-Slaney (Independent Conservative) directed his speech more

## A LURID REPORT.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The Vorwarts prints a special despatch without indicating the place from which it was sent, saying: "The whole Caucasus region is in revolt. Armenians, Russians and Circassians have formed a coalition against the Emperor of Russia and seized arms and even cannon from Russian soldiers. They hold the governor of the district as a prisoner. The revolutionists are organizing camps outside the cities."

against Home Rule, referring to the claims of Irish-Americans that they had killed the Anglo-American arbitration treaty.

## Irish In America.

Mr. Healy said "God bless the Irish in America. They are faithful to their country, regardless of its interests and are determined that if you make a treaty of peace with the United States it shall be binding and lasting." Mr. Healy bitterly assailed the Ulster Unionists, and charged upon them the Conservative party to concede the wishes of the Nationalists in the interest of imperial policy.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said that he "supported the policy of a thorough, fundamental alteration of system of Irish government." The Irish people he said, deserved a better government, springing from and controlled by themselves.

Mr. Balfour, in winding up the debate, said that every Unionist and every one of his ministers agreed that the broad lines now existing as to the government of Ireland should be preserved. Beyond these expressions, the leader of the opposition, the premier, committed themselves concerning Home Rule.

Sir Henry supported Mr. Redmond's amendment in the division but was unable to secure the support sufficient to carry the resolution of amendment, namely the defeat of the Unionist party.

**Disgraceful Tactics.**  
The second day's debate brought out no striking speeches and there was an absence of anything approaching the excitement that frequently is attached to debates on Irish questions.

Throughout the afternoon and night, Sir Anthony Macdonnell, Secretary Wyndham and the Earl of Dudley were the chief centres around which the attack and defence turned. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman demanded that publication of the correspondence between Secretary Wyndham and Macdonnell. Mr. Balfour, who at considerable length defended Macdonnell and regretted the misunderstanding, said he knew better than to entertain the suggestion that touched in the smallest degree the honor of any of the principal members.

Mr. Balfour's speech was frequently interrupted by hooting from the Irish members and the speaker was obliged to intervene to request order, while Mr. Balfour, who calmly waited until the disturbance was over, on each occasion said that he was not concerned with the courtesy which had been meted to Irish members, and referring to Lord Hugh Cecil's statement that Home Rule was dead, said that at least he could take the view that Home Rule was being buried deeply in a snowstorm, and fear the end of the battle if the great party in favor of union remained undivided. "But it was vital that all smaller controversies should be sunk in the great national and imperial issue."

The announcement of the division showing an unexpectedly large reduction of the government's majority, was greeted with prolonged opposition cheers.

An interesting incident of the debate was the apparent reconciliation of John Dillon and Timothy Healy. When Mr. Dillon arose to speak, Mr. Healy arose from his favorite corner seat in his favor and subsequently handed him a glass of water while he was speaking. Nothing has been allowed to gain publicity concerning the cabinet council, but it is assumed that for the time being the threatened resignations have been smoothed over.

## SKIRMISHING CONTINUES.

Extensive Movement of Japanese Causes Russians to Follow.

Tsikhkethon, Feb. 20.—(Via Makhden, Feb. 21.)—Extensive movements by the Japanese opposite the Russian left flank caused the sending out of two scouting divisions (February 18th) in the direction of the Japanese river at Suidom, and the second occupying a pass eleven miles southeast of Tsikhkethon. On February 19th the Japanese attacked both divisions during a snowstorm, and forced the Russians beyond the Taite. From Suidom skirmishing continues today with varying fortunes. The divisions at the pass maintained its ground against the fire of four or five regiments using machine powder. Russian losses are less than a score wounded.

## THE MOSCOW ASSASSIN.

Indications Are That Murderer of Sergius is of Good Birth.

Moscow, Feb. 21.—The police believe the assassin of Grand Duke Sergius is of good birth. His underclothing is of good quality and fashionably made and his outer workman's garb was assumed as a disguise. Masses are held daily. Grand Duchess Elizabeth attends the services dressed in black mourning with a vivid red scarf.

## NAMES WOMAN OF ROYALTY.

Mrs. Cody Accuses Buffalo Bill of Immoral Acts.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 21.—Testimony in behalf of the plaintiff in the trial of the divorce case of Colonel William F. Cody was continued today. Several witnesses testified that Mrs. Cody accused her husband of immoral relations with a number of women, several of them prominent internationally, and at least one a member of royalty. The belief that the colonel was unfaithful to his wife caused Mrs. Cody to denounce him, neighbors and otherwise humiliate him. Gifts highly prized by Colonel Cody as evidence of esteem of European friends were destroyed at the instance of Mrs. Cody.

## PHILIPPINES TARIFF BILL.

United States House of Representatives Pass Measure.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The house of representatives today passed the Philippine tariff bill by a vote of 239 to 189. The bill provides for the importation of opium into the islands, except for medical purposes, failed although Mr. Payne (New York) explained that the Philippine commission was dealing with the subject in its own way. An amendment was agreed upon providing that under the authority granted the Philippine commission to enact legislation regarding opium they shall not establish a license system with a view of deriving revenue from the traffic; also that no licence fees of taxes, except duty on imports, shall in any event be higher than necessary to cover the expenses of administration of any such legislation.

## NEWSPAPER MEN CONVENE.

New York, Feb. 21.—The Nineteenth annual convention of the American newspaper publishers association opened today at the Waldorf-Astoria. President Chas. H. Taylor of the Boston Globe presided.

Reports of standing committees concerning advertising agents, mail matters, the defense of printing, and mutual fire insurance were read and a memorial meeting for the late Wm. Cullen Bryant, for many years secretary of the association and manager of its New York office, was held. After passing suitable resolutions, many personal tributes were paid.

A committee was opened to confer with the American advertisers association in session here. Another committee to confer with the international advertisers association was also chosen.

## THREW CARRIE FROM HACK.

"Bill" Horn First Man to Win Fight With Notorious Reformer.

Medicine Lodge, Kan., Feb. 21.—To use her own words, Carrie Nation was yanked from a hack by her hair last night. "Bill" Horn, widely known through the southwest as a character, was the man who did the yanking. Mrs. Nation made the charge in court today. "Bill" admitted the charge in court today. Mrs. Nation was present at an informal meeting of Mrs. Nation, and assisted in the process.

"She called me a drunken sot and jerked the cigar out of my mouth," he said to the jury in explanation. The jury thought "Bill" was justified in his forcible ouster because he had lost the better part of a five-cent cigar, and the verdict was "not guilty."

Mrs. Nation testified that Mr. Horn had not only ejected her from the carriage, but had thrown her into a snow drift after beating and kicking her. She said this was the first time she had ever been scared by a man.

## A ROYAL LOVE STORY.

How An Interesting Rumor Originated In Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—The Associated Press learns from a person in the confidence of Crown Prince Frederick William how the story of the breaking of the prince's engagement with the Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin originated. When the plan was first proposed by the Crown Prince to visit the duchess somewhere in the south, Emperor William made the condition that she must be accompanied by her mother. The Grand Duchess Anastasia was angry because the Emperor had not permitted the meeting to take place at Cannes, but finally consented to go to Florence, but she let Cecilia go alone, promising to follow shortly. The Crown Prince wrote to the Emperor for advice. The Emperor telegraphed: "Send Cecilia to her mother. You return at once."

While the incident has necessarily caused some friction between the two families, the Associated Press is assured that the rumor is untrue, that the engagement has not been broken off.

## DISTURBANCES INCREASING.

Fighting Reported at Baku and Traffic Disorganized at Warsaw.

Warsaw, Feb. 21.—Railroad officials here fear that traffic will soon become disorganized. Incoming trains are almost empty, while the out-going are crowded.

Disturbances are reported in neighborhood of schools. The police have arrested many pupils. The night of February 20th strikers killed a Jewish leather merchant named Swibel. Other attempts have been made to murder students here and at Lodz, where three students died at a manufacture named Stogart. The manufacturer was not hit, but his wife was wounded slightly. While the city is generally quiet, uneasiness is manifested everywhere. The great strike continues in the Donbass and Novosibirsk districts, where there is much lawlessness such as robbery of persons and plundering of houses and shops.

Lodz, Feb. 21.—The factories here have commenced taking on new hands to replace strikers. The situation is extremely uncertain.

## LIBAN, FEB. 21.—The number of strikers is increasing.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—Telegrams from Baku report that the disturbances there are increasing, that fighting has occurred, that shops have been pillaged and houses burned, and that the inhabitants are panic stricken. Serious disturbances are also reported at Balakhaney, eight miles north of Baku, and troops have been summoned thither.

Traffic on the Moscow, Kieff and Voronezh Railway has ceased. A partial strike has been declared in the Vladivostok Railway at a manufacture named Saratoff and Suchun.

## Preparations For Funeral

**Obseques of Late Grand Duke Sergius Will Be Almost Private.**

**Foreign Rulers Will Be Asked Not to Send Personal Representatives.**

**Nicholas Said to Still Contemplate Calling the Zemsky Sobor.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 22.—(4:10 a. m.)—Great precautions are being taken in the arrangements for the obsequies of Grand Duke Sergius at Moscow Thursday morning and in connection with the service in the chapel of the Alexander palace at Tsarskoe-Selo at the same hour. The attendance at the funeral of the Duke will be limited and the body of the Grand Duke will be interred in one of the several chapels of the monastery where it now lies. Foreign sovereigns intending to send personal representatives, and who in some cases already have designated them, have received an intimation that the presence of such representatives in the existing painful time would be embarrassing. The Emperor's family, the ministers and the army and navy officials will be invited. The Emperor's family, the ministers and the army and navy officials will be invited. The Emperor's family, the ministers and the army and navy officials will be invited.

Even in the midst of his grief over the death of Grand Duke Sergius, Emperor Nicholas is giving his attention to political developments. Indications point towards a decision to revive the Zemsky Sobor, although it is understood that the court party is still fighting desperately for time, maintaining that it would be an irreparable blunder to yield to the fear of terrorism, even if it should be advisable later on.

## Sergius' Last Words.

Contrary to previous reports, it now is said that the last words from Grand Duke Sergius to the Emperor, contained in a letter brought by Prince Schinsky Schakmatoff, was to stand firm. Emperor Nicholas also is bent on making peace on the advice of Emperor William. The conditions of peace which Russia can accept are discussed freely here. The only obstacle to peace is said to be the question of indemnity, which Russia will refuse to pay.

The information reached the Associated Press that General Kuropatkin is preparing industriously to try final conclusions with Field Marshal Oyama, and that a decisive battle may be expected within a fortnight. Foreign military attaches have been asked to leave Vladivostok, probably in anticipation that operations will begin there when shipping opens.

## Gripenberg Ordered Back.

Emperor Nicholas is said to be dissatisfied with the conduct of General Gripenberg in Manchuria, and he has not only sustained General Kuropatkin but has ordered General Gripenberg to return to his post. It is gossip in court circles that a recent conference with Vladivostok, probably in anticipation that operations will begin there when shipping opens.

Several representatives of the assembly to choose labor members of the Emperor's commission to investigate labor disturbances have been selected. The Putiloff iron works' men have chosen several persons who were jailed after the affair of January 22, including Ivanov, chief vice-president of the Father's Home organization.

The railroad strike situation is reported to be growing worse in the south-west, and private advices are said to show the existence of a reign of terror in Tiflis and in Caucasus generally. Many murders by Tartars and Armenians are reported.

Communication has been almost cut off, even the telegraphers striking, the few who are still at their keys being kept there with pistols at their heads. The railroad employees at Derpat struck yesterday.

The situation in Poland along the Austrian border also is causing great uneasiness.

## STOCKBROKER ASSIGNS.

New York, Feb. 21.—Fred H. Smith, a stockbroker, today assigned for the benefit of his creditors to Benjamin A. Nierbur, his liabilities being about \$80,000 and his assets small.

## AFTER THE COMBINES.

Kansas Senate Provides For Investigation of the Trusts.

Topeka, Feb. 21.—The sentiment in favor of restricting all oppressive corporations in Kansas is growing. Today a resolution was introduced in the Senate providing for an investigation of the following alleged combinations: Beef, grain, implement, milling and lumber.

## AN OLD MAN'S FOOLISHNESS.

Case of Octogenarian Millionaire Against Negress Dismissed.

New York, Feb. 21.—The suit of John R. Platt, the octogenarian millionaire, to compel Harriet E. Ellis, a negress, to return to him \$255,000 which she alleged he gave to her during a period extending over 25 years, today was dismissed by Justice O'Gorman in the supreme court.

## WATCHING BEEF TRUSTS.

Secret Service Men Ordered To Secure Evidence Against Operators.



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DON'T MISTAKE THE NAME.

**Mine Horrors Defy Description**

The Mangled Remains of Sixty Workers Taken From Slope at Birmingham.

**Torn Limb From Limb and Many Beheaded by the Explosion.**

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—The mangled, blackened, bruised and twisted human bodies that have been recovered from the Virginia mine late tonight and laid out for identification by heart-broken mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts tell in part the story of one of the worst mine horrors in the history of Alabama. It is now stated positively that 160 men were in the mine at the time of the "dust" explosion, and no hope is held out that one of them is alive.

Scenes at the entrance to the mines all day have been gruesome and heart-rending as heroic workmen would bring discolored and mangled human forms to the surface. Women and children would crowd up to the entrance to find a father, brother, husband or sweet-heart. Love and despair were written on their faces after looking and examining, for so blackened and torn are most of the bodies that positive identification has been impossible in many instances.

Although 160 bodies are believed to have been thus far only sixty bodies have been recovered from the Virginia mines, victims of yesterday's mysterious accident. The recovery of these bodies precludes any idea that any of the entombed men are still alive. All day long the mangled remains of the coming catastrophe, by common impulse, every one in the village rushed to the mouth of the main slope.

The scenes at the mines today were more harrowing than ever have been witnessed in the mining section of Alabama. The corpses of the killed were mangled and disfigured frightfully, and identification is almost impossible. Many of the bodies are so bruised, twisted and discolored that negroes cannot be told from white men. All day long at the mouth of the mine were waiting and mourning, women and children, whose relatives were among the unfortunates. One hundred families and three hundred children are left destitute and without means of support. As the bodies of the victims, which in many cases have been gathered together a piece at a time, are brought to the surface, they are placed in a row on a platform.

Late this afternoon ambulances began the removal of the bodies so far recovered, to Bessemer. Since the first day of dead probably will reach 160, the local undertakers have been to adjoining cities for coffins.

Signs of life remained in one of the bodies recovered today and every effort was made to bring the man back to consciousness. However, all these failed and although the victim is still alive, no hope for his recovery is entertained.

President Plinn of the U. S. mine workers said tonight he will be surprised if a single person escapes alive from the mine. Ventilation is very difficult and if the men were not killed by the explosion they have certainly been suffocated by the gases. The bodies so far recovered were in the

**WHAT ONE MAN HAS DONE.**

The Remarkable Achievement of a Remarkable Man—A Solendid Example of What Undiring Devotion Can Do.

For years Dr. J. S. Leonard of Lincoln, Neb., studied the problem of how best to prevent and cure disease. He was not satisfied with the methods and treatments in general use and after long study and much experiment he declared that:

"The poisonous products of the fermentation and decomposition of undigested foods absorbed by the system are the first cause of almost every disease."

He knew that all the medicines prescribed for the stomach and bowels contained resinous properties which left behind them a dried-up condition of the mucous membrane lining of the stomach and bowels—this after every invariably resulting in Chronic Complaints.

Dr. Leonard therefore determined that to correct disorders of the stomach and bowels to must produce an effective medicine containing absolutely no resinous substances such as are found in the ordinary pill.

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Premier Laurier rose to deliver what may be regarded as his historic speech in the presence of a crowded house and even more crowded galleries. He was vigorously applauded by his followers.

**Sir Wilfrid's Speech.**

The first minister spoke well and eloquently and made the best of his case, especially on the controversial question of separate schools. He discussed the subject under four heads: (1) The question of the number of provinces to be created; (2) in whom should the ownership of the public lands be vested; (3) the nature of the financial contribution to be made by the provinces; and (4) the question of school system to be adopted in the new provinces.

The first point required only a brief treatment as the government proposal has been known for some days. In this connection Sir Wilfrid pointed out that Manitoba's claim for an extension of her western boundary and said that it could not be entertained by the government. Regarding the extension of Manitoba's boundary northward this was a subject for future consideration but it would have to be discussed at the same time with the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Commissioners from each province would be invited to meet the Dominion authorities on the subject.

The legislature of each of the new provinces will consist of 25 members. Regina will be the capital of Saskatchewan and Edmonton is named as the provisional capital of Alberta. The legislative council of each province will decide on this last question. The new provinces will date their entry from July 1 next.

Dealing with the ownership of public lands, Premier Laurier said the Dominion proposed to retain them, but arranged to give them to the provinces made to the provinces in lieu thereof.

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**The School Question.**

It was when Sir Wilfrid came to deal with the school question that the members leave forward and listened with the greatest interest. The prime minister spoke for a long time on this phase, but he did not read the clause in the bill. The first part of the separate school clause from the Northwest Territories Act of 1875, with a slight change in the phraseology, and section 2, is in these words: "It shall be the duty of the legislature to provide for the subject of many protests, as it renders it impossible for the legislatures to sidetrack separate schools. Here is the clause in full: Provisions of the act shall apply to the act shall apply to said province as if at the date upon which this act comes into force the territory composed therein were already a province, the expression 'The union' in the said section being taken to mean the said date, subject to provisions of said section 33 and in continuation of the principle heretofore cancelled under the Northwest Territories Act it is enacted that the legislatures of the two provinces shall pass all necessary laws in respect of education and that it shall therein always be provided (a) that a majority of ratepayers of any district or portion of two provinces of any legal character shall be entitled to establish such schools as they think fit and make necessary assessments and collection of rates therefor, and (b) that the minority of the ratepayers shall have the right to establish such schools as they think fit and make necessary assessments and collection of rates therefor."

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


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A reader does not agree with the remarks of the Colonist with reference to the taking over of the defences at Esquimalt and Halifax by the Canadian Government, and thinks in the interest of Canada, that it would have been much better to have made a contribution and retained the fleet. As to the immediate material benefits, without having knowledge of what is in contemplation on the part of the Dominion Government, that may be a matter fairly open to dispute. It is contended that the defence by the British fleet would be more effective than is possible on the part of the Dominion, and the amount of money expended by the Dominion at Esquimalt and Halifax would be of much greater advantage to these cities than what is likely to accrue from control by the Dominion authorities. Perhaps, from a purely local point of view that may be correct; but we must look at these matters from the broader standpoint, and we think the Colonist's position on the matter cannot logically be controverted.

Objection is taken to the apparent leaning to Canadian Independence, and it is thought that the most dangerous aspect of the new move is the effect it will have in that direction. In our opinion the only alternative to the arrangement that has been entered into for self-defence, is one practically on the basis of Imperial Federation, whereby the Colonies would have a voice in an Imperial governing body, and thus be in a position to determine the application of funds contributed for Imperial purposes. This is the arrangement that probably a majority of Colonials would prefer. It is the obvious solution of the problems of an Empire if the same is to remain intact. A lot of loosely bound parts cannot be expected to remain permanently in a relation so ill defined and so illogical. Therefore, some form of Imperial Federation must be the future of the Empire, if it does not resolve itself into a series of independent nations. The latter is not desired. However, it is quite certain that the Empire is not yet prepared to take on any constitutional form of closer union. That is a matter of development. In the meantime the question of the Colonies contributing to the defences of the Empire in some way has been forced to the front, and had to be decided. Some of the Colonies will decide one way and some the other. Australia contributes a specific sum to the Imperial authorities for the purpose; and Canada decides to provide for her own defences. So long as we have no representation in the Imperial Parliament or some Imperial body having control of the defences of the Empire to which all parts of the Empire contribute in some proportionate degree we believe that Canada has adopted the proper course. It would be regretted by all who believe in British connection as the true permanent relationship if such a course should lead to the development of ideals of independence, and to final separation. Even if, as charged, that be the goal which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has in view, we see no danger ahead on that score.

There is another view of the case, however, to which attention has been called in the House of Commons at Ottawa and also in the Legislative Assembly. According to the Terms of Union, Section 9, it is the duty of the Dominion Government to use its influence to secure the continued maintenance of the Naval station at Esquimalt. That evidently has not been done and, in fact, it must be clear that the Dominion Government has taken steps in quite the opposite direction. Here is clearly a breach of a solemn compact. The arrangement is, therefore, one in which British Columbia has a peculiar interest and should have been consulted. That is to say, the Government of this Province should have been asked to forego its rights as established in 1871 to the intervention and influence of the Dominion authorities in its behalf, before a policy affecting its interests was carried into effect practically ignoring those rights. We cannot but believe that the section of the Terms of Union referred to was entirely overlooked by Sir Wilfrid and Sir Frederick Borden. Whether in the interests of the whole of Canada the arrangement that has been entered into is the best or not does not alter the duty incumbent upon the Dominion Government to carry out, nominally, at least the contract of 1871. It was either a serious oversight on the part of the Prime Minister or he has deliberately ignored section 9 of the Terms of Union with British Columbia.

Eliminating the evidence and the correspondence accompanying it, the report of the commissioners appointed to enquire into the operations of the Assessment Act is very brief. It has the distinguishing merit of containing much in little, the evident conclusions of men of business and not of doctrinaires. It is unnecessary to refer to the observations of the commissioners or their recommendations in detail, as they are found in full in another column. It is pertinent to remark here that a good deal of evidence was submitted in the form of representations by letter to the Commission, and these should be read in connection and considered with reference to the recommendations made. We do not know whether it is the intention of the Government to publish evidence or not but presume it is. From a perusal of the same, it will be found that the report contains a very fair précis of the proceedings, and that the conclusions arrived at are fairly deducible from the evidence taken as a whole.

## REPORT OF COMMISSION ON ASSESSMENT ACT.

The Commission found, as similar commissions have elsewhere, that a tax on personal property is an unpopular one and peculiarly difficult to deal with, without abolishing it altogether. The latter the Commission could not see its way to recommending. In the present circumstances, but is in favor of reducing the rate to two-thirds of one per cent, to be further reduced to one-half of one per cent, if paid before the 30th of June in each year; of exempting book debts and moneys deposited in banks from assessment and taxation; and of repealing the clause in the Assessment Act exempting personal property under \$500. With the exception of the last-named, we believe these recommendations are in the line of strongly expressed public opinion. With reference to the exemption of personal property under \$500 we do not believe that the recommendations should be adopted by the Government, as it will bear hardly upon the class of persons least able to bear taxation.

In regard to wild lands, the Commission has come to a very wise decision and have differentiated between land not acquired or held for cultivation, and in most cases unfit for cultivation—such as coal lands, timber limits and the like—and land held for speculative purposes as real estate merely, or that is not used for agricultural purposes. There is obviously a very just distinction, and one which should certainly be made. If carried out, wild land held as real estate will be reduced to three per cent, and coal and timber lands, under certain conditions, to two per cent, and under certain other conditions one per cent.

One recommendation contained in clause 2 is especially well worthy of consideration. The amount of land west of the Cascades to be exempted from the operation of the wild land tax is reduced to 160 acres, and east of the Cascades to 320 acres, subject to this important provision that where such lands are situated within a radius of five miles of an incorporated town or city with a population of not less than 5,000 persons, the quantity of land to be exempted is to be limited to forty acres. That deals with a very special case of which we have local experience, in which lands of considerable extent are kept from settlement or improvement of any kind and at the same time are being benefited to an enormous extent by the improvements going on around them. We have no doubt that there are other instances in the Province of a similar nature.

The views of the commercial element in respect to resident agents of outside firms doing business in this Province without carrying stocks and to commercial travelers taking and soliciting orders have been taken into serious consideration, and suitable recommendations have been made. These we think will meet with general approval. In the case of resident agents they are to be taxed on their annual sales and commercial travelers with no fixed residence are to pay an annual licence fee of \$100.

Though the principle is not wholly adopted in practice the Commission recognizes that the taxation of incomes is on the whole the most equitable method of taxation, and we may assume that if the method were practicable in its entirety it would have been exclusively recommended. Certain changes in the existing schedule are submitted for consideration. In the sliding scale named in clause 12 the rate begins very low, and increases in a more rapid ratio than at present. Considerable objections will be raised to the assessment of incomes in excess of \$500, and opinions will vary on the advisability of adopting a scale beginning at that figure. In the opinion of the commissioners, evidently, the man who earns \$600 should not object to paying 80 cents, or \$1000 per annum \$1.

Clause 15 of the report asserts that "inasmuch as it seems to be impossible to formulate a plan for taxing personal property in a way that will bear equitably on all classes, the system of taxation should be directed with the ultimate object of substituting an income tax for any impost on personal property." Ideally, there is no doubt about that; but the difficulty ever present with taxing incomes is that in giving information about a matter so intimately associated with their private affairs most men are flustered. As a consequence the honest man is unduly penalized in the interest of those who will subscribe to false statements.

One of the most important recommendations included in the report comes at the very end. It is that the Province should be divided into assessment districts, and all assessments be made by assessors whose duties should be confined wholly to that work. Having this in mind, it is also recommended that assessors should meet at stated periods and confer together for the purpose of arriving at as far as possible uniformity and equality. One of the great complaints at the present time is that two men in the same line of business, one on each side of a county line and the other just on the other side, are assessed one high and the other low. The only reason for such a condition of things is that the assessments are made by two different men who never consult each other or compare notes. Provision for the equalization of assessment is most important.

The Commissioners, we think, are to be congratulated upon their success. The report, as we have indicated, is practical and contains many recommendations that are obviously improvements on existing conditions. It is also, we submit, a complete answer in itself to the charge that the Commission was appointed for the purpose of whitewashing the Government in connection with the passing of the Assessment Act of last session. Of course, fair minded men who know them would not accuse Mr. D. R. Kerr and Mr. Buntzen of lending themselves to anything but the most independent and impartial investigation; but there are very many persons in the Province who would be and doubtless were prejudiced by the statement, who will read the report of the Commission and be now completely satisfied with the course the Government took. On the whole the investigation did not disclose any very serious inequalities or injustices. Such as did exist have been pointed out and remedied suggested. It is not to be expected that there will be a unanimous verdict as to the rightness or suitability of

the remedy in each case, but we think the general verdict will be one in favor of the report.

## THE E. &amp; N. LAND GRANT.

It is understood that the E. & N. Railway Company has been approached with a view to the Province re-acquiring the land that was granted to aid in the construction of the Island railway, and it is possible that the matter will be submitted for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly during the present session. It is not known definitely what the consideration involved will be. In fact, we do not know that any specific sum has been named; but we are in a position to state that it will be very much less than that referred to in the Times last evening, namely, \$1,750,000.

Now that the C. P. R. has taken over the railway, it was felt to be an opportune time to consider the question of the Province again entering into the possession of the land still alienated from the company, amounting to about 1,500,000 acres. These lands comprise considerable areas of fine, merchantable timber, and very large quantities of second-class timber suitable for cordwood, for which there is an extensive demand, and for a secondary grade of lumber. These, according to reports of cruisers and others, are very valuable. In addition to that there are areas suitable for agriculture, when clear, aggregating from 200,000 to 250,000 acres. This is a conservative estimate, as we are informed, on very good authority, that farther away from the coast in the northerly end of the grant, there is more of such land than most persons are aware of. Then there are the rights to the baser minerals, other than coal, which attach to the fee simple and go with the land. There are also one or two townships of more or less value.

As a matter of public policy, it has long been considered a serious drawback to the development of the Island that so large a tract of land, with its resources in timber, minerals and agricultural possibilities, should be in the hands of a private corporation; and whatever evils are incident to such a condition of affairs would be removed by the Government taking over the land grant and making it part of the public domain once more. There is no doubt about it that, apart from the economic aspects of the case, the direct financial results would be profitable, as the timber alone as an asset is worth far more than the price to be paid. The taking over of the land, too, would greatly stimulate the prospecting for minerals and the development of mineral resources on the Island. These are material considerations that weigh in the balances in favor of the transaction, as suggested, between the Province and the E. & N. Railway Company being concluded. The importance from a public point of view is obvious.

The question of the land having been granted to the company in the first instance will naturally arise, and its justice and right will be discussed. The conditions which gave rise to the arrangement entered into with the late Hon. Robert Dunsinuir need not now be referred to. Whether, in view of subsequent events, it was a wise or unwise arrangement does not affect the present situation. At the time it was entered into it was hailed as a satisfactory solution of the problem of Island transportation. The contract made in respect to it was fully and well lived up to. The total cost of the railway has been \$3,250,000, and with the exception of the \$750,000 received from the Dominion, was paid for out of the private resources of the company without placing a single debenture on the market. Until very recently it was operated at an annual loss, and that the road was well maintained cannot be denied. It will not be denied, either, by those conversant with the facts, that at the time the contract was made it was extremely improbable that any person, other than Hon. Robert Dunsinuir, could have been found able or willing to have undertaken the work upon the terms.

The question now to be settled by the Government and the Legislative Assembly is whether the advantages to the Province as a whole are such as to recommend the proposed transaction for favorable consideration. We think they are. In our opinion it would be a short-sighted policy from every point of view to permit the opportunity to pass without definitely and for all time to come deciding upon its merits. It is wholly probable that private corporations, if the Province does not acquire the land, will obtain possession; and we believe that the great majority of the people in British Columbia would regret the continuance of the private ownership of so large an area of the land as is at present held by the E. & N. Railway Company, land which should be amenable to a development greatly enhancing its value, increasing settlement and contributing largely to Provincial revenues.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## CO-OPERATION IN RAILWAY AID.

Sir.—Replying to your editorial of this morning, permit me to say:

1. The policy of co-operation in railway aid has not, as far as this province is concerned, been confined to local lines, but has been expressly extended to at least one transcontinental line, namely, the Canadian Northern, by chapter 60 of the Acts of 1902, whereby certain assistance was granted to the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway Company, a part of the Canadian Northern system, the contract with that company being subject to the provision that the Dominion should give a subsidy upon federal aid being given, was subsidized by the Dominion in 1903; a portion of the line to be constructed by the Vancouver and Seaside Railway Company, subsidized upon the same terms as the above mentioned road in 1902; was subsidized by the Dominion in 1903; a

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1. So that the governments co-operate it is immaterial as to how the co-operation is brought about, and permit me to add that in my humble judgment, if Mr. McLeod allows the present occasion to pass unimproved, he will miss a unique opportunity to benefit the province and gain reputation for himself. The time is ripe for action; the opportunity is imminent; delay, to be influenced by the minor considerations that you and I have been discussing may be politics; to seize upon a great opportunity and develop it to the immediate and permanent advantage of the country is statesmanship. I am speaking now not simply of the project to which we have now narrowed the issue between us, but of the whole subject of railway construction, which was what I set out to discuss in my paper of the 17th inst.

I thank you for the great courtesy that you have extended to me in this discussion, which I do not think can be profitably carried any further along these lines. Let us have a policy as broad as the country, for we are all threshing old straw.

FEBRUARY 21. CHARLES H. LUGRIN.

P. S.—The word "not" was omitted from a sentence in my letter of yesterday, and I was made to say that I hope certain sentences are innumerable. Of course, in the context showed, I meant the exact contrary.

C. H. L.

## THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE.

New York World.

"In my opinion," says Dr. Philip O'Hanlon, who has performed hundreds of autopsies on the continent of New York, "no man should die before he is eighty. Indeed, I think the span of life might reasonably be prolonged to 120 or 140 years."

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"Nervous waste" is Dr. O'Hanlon's way of accounting for those frequent cases where, in spite of the improvement in public sanitation and in the art of medicine, young and middle-aged men die without apparently adequate cause in specific disease. Pool tickets in the suicide's pocket, the frightful manner of men jostling in public conveyances, unnecessary exertion put forth in the most ordinary acts, are all manifestations of this waste.

It cannot be said that the laboratories have come very near the secret of indeed prolonging life. To talk of phages in the blood sounds learned, but it only pushes the problem of causation one step further back. Nor has any one yet bettered the advice of Cornaro, who, born in 1467, "turned over a new leaf" after forty years of riotous living and made the slender remainder of his strength hold out for fifty-eight years longer by extreme abstinence and by living in the pure air of the country, and who, when he was enjoying the pleasures, wrote: "I never knew the world was beautiful until I reached old age."

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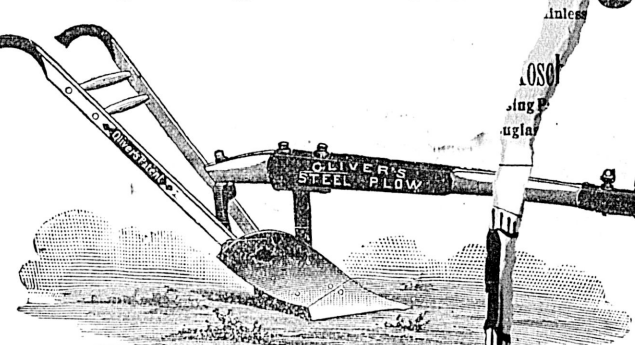
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Is He A Wizard?—Mr. C. S. Bennett, who is a guest at the Grand for a few days, is a wizard in the art of parlor magic and in a number of private demonstrations has proven that his equal has never been seen here. He has a number of card and coin tricks, which to say the least, are out of sight. He proposes to teach a limited number of pupils.

**Presbyterian Anniversary.**—The 42nd anniversary of the organization of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church here, was celebrated on Sunday last, special services being held both morning and evening, when Rev. Mr. Miller of St. Andrews, Presbyterian church, Nanaimo, preached two eloquent sermons. On Monday evening the event was duly honored by the anniversary social and concert under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the church, at which an excellent programme of songs, etc., as rendered, the following ladies and gentlemen assisting: Misses Foxhall, Howell, Watkins, McCoy, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Gregson and Messrs. Kinnaird, Fraser and Brown. Mr. Miller, the pastor, accompanied the evening. The concert was very much enjoyed, a happy and optimistic feeling prevailing; during the evening short congratulatory speeches were delivered by Rev. Dr. Campbell, Mr. Miller, Rev. Dr. Reid, and Rev. Mr. McCoy. Rev. Mr. Clay sent his regrets at not being able to be present. After the programme was concluded the ladies served choice refreshments, which were very much enjoyed. G. Brown made an excellent chairman.

**BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL.**  
Disposes of Various Routine Matters At Morning Session.

The council of the Board of Trade met yesterday morning, when routine business was transacted. The report of the railway committee recommending that arrangements be made with railway and tramway companies for the delivery of goods in cars at merchants' warehouses was referred back to the committee to act upon their own suggestion. Regarding amendments to the Bills of Sale Act, a misunderstanding over the payment of expenses has arisen. The matter was referred back to the Vancouver Board. A letter was received from Lutes and Lutes, Philadelphia, asking as to indemnities referred by Victoria for securing additional manufacturing industries. This was referred to the manufacturers' committee for report. The following resolution of the fisheries committee was read: "That the council move to take up the matter of progressive close seasons on the Fraser, if the limit asked by the board is not maintained above New Westminster bridge." This was adopted and the minister of marine and fisheries will be so notified.

**BUSY SHIPYARDS.**  
Much Work Going On At Present At Local Yards.

There is great activity in the shipyards. At Esquimalt a large force of men are employed. The D. G. S. Quadra is being extensively overhauled, the steamer City of Topeka is being repaired at a cost of in the neighborhood of \$50,000, and the C. P. R. steamers, Princess May and Danube, are being overhauled and made ready for service. The Danube will be different to look upon when she leaves the yard, for, among other things, she will have a high smokestack instead of the low one. At the Victoria Machinery Depot the sealer Carmencia is being overhauled ready for a sealing cruise. The tug Car arrived last night to go on the waters; the Allison was hauled out yesterday. Then, two plans are out, as stated some days ago, for two freight steamers.

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**SUPPORT FOR THE SERVICE, HOME**

Something More as to the Object of the Concert on the 28th.

Some three weeks ago, when the work was taken in hand of getting up the concert on the 28th for the Soldiers and Sailors Home, a short article appeared in the Colonist fully explaining the reasons which had rendered it necessary that the funds of the home should be augmented in some such manner just at the present time. It would seem that this paragraph was not generally noticed, as many inquiries have been made respecting the precise object which those organizing the concert have in view. The concert committee have therefore requested the Colonist to briefly recapitulate the former statement.

In the issue of Feb. 1, there was published a complete financial statement giving the expenses and receipts of the home from the time of its inception, in 1900, up to Dec. 31 last. The current account proved plainly that the institution had practically paid its way since the opening, in May last; and this in spite of the absence of the ships from Esquimalt nearly all summer, and the withdrawal of the troops from Esquimalt and Flora in October. The building account showed that the debt of \$1500 with which the institution was opened had, by generous contributions already acknowledged, been reduced to \$900, at the close of last year.

On the total of the two accounts there was an adverse balance of \$1099, of which \$150 was due to fresh outlay, since the opening on the additional beds, furniture, carpets, etc., which were found necessary to meet the large demands made upon the accommodation of the home.

There can be no doubt that the institution has thoroughly justified its existence, and, but for the departure of the troops from Esquimalt, the committee would have had no difficulty in gradually paying off the debt on the building. Between May 6 and Dec. 31, 5000 meals were served, 1223 beds let, and 181 baths taken. The current account for the month of January shows that at present the home is actually more than paying its way.

When H. M. S. Bonaventure has gone it will be necessary, in any case, to reduce the working expenses of the place, and to only open it during the men's hours of leave. But the institution would still be of great benefit to the soldiers of the garrison, and to the sailors who remain, especially as the naval cadets are to be entirely clothed on the 28th. And the committee feel that, if a substantial reduction can now be effected in the debt, they will certainly be able to keep the home open and doing useful work until the Dominion government has got its own forces established at Esquimalt, when the institution will be more urgently required than ever before. For surely Canadians would not wish that their own soldiers and sailors should lack the comforts and relaxations which similar homes provide for English soldiers and sailors in every considerable port in the United Kingdom.

The committee of management thought it most important to seize the present moment for their attempt to pay off the debt that hampers them. H. M. S. Bonaventure is on the eve of departure, and no one can say how soon the Shearwater and Egeria may follow her. This concert is probably the last occasion for such a gathering of such large parties of bluejackets and marines from the old country to be seen drilling in Victoria. It will be in the nature of a farewell to the imperial navy, considered as a fighting force.

For these reasons the moment was thought opportune for an appeal to the patriotism of the people of Victoria, and to the kindly feelings towards the army and navy which have always prevailed here. And the committee feel sure that a good rally at the Victoria theatre next Tuesday will amply justify their confidence. Meanwhile they are doing their utmost to provide a programme in every way worthy of the occasion.

**THE COURTS.**

**Ah Lum Acquitted of the Charge of Perjury—Cases in Chambers.**

Yesterday Judge Harrison gave judgment in the perjury case of Ah Lum, which was tried last week. This criminal action arose out of the celebrated murder trial of Wong On and Wong Gow. The accused was acquitted. Thornton Fell conducted the defence.

In Chambers yesterday before the Chief Justice a number of applications were disposed of as follows: Morrison vs. Gent et al.; application to amend statement of claim for trial of action in County court; leave to amend; granted; defendants in any case; action remitted to County court; Wootton for plaintiff; Martin for defendant. Lovelock and Harris vs. Dawson; application to find affidavit of documents; joint order made for two weeks; Lawson for plaintiff; Griffin for defendant. Re Thomas Poppenberger, deceased; application for probate; stood over; Walls for applicant.

**PARTING OF PIONEERS.**

A Pathetic Little Drama Which Was Enacted All Unconsciously.

All unconsciously on the part of the principals in the affair, a little drama was enacted in Victoria yesterday, which at once throws a pathetic sidelight on the lives of our pioneers. The drama was enacted in the person of a man named "Bill," who, after an absence of 21 years, the three men joined together for a long period, commencing 30 years ago at Thibet creek, Cassiar. Pinlayson, the eldest of the quartette, now at all times of age, knew all three "in the old days," and for a time joined in company with them. The point in the little story is this: Foster was about taking his departure by the steamer Amur for his northern home, and the four met for an exchange of good-byes. Quite unconscious of the fact that it is not at all within the range of probability that any of the four will meet again in this world, good-byes were said in the most matter-of-fact fashion.

"Well, good-bye, Bill; give my regards to all the boys up there."  
"Yes, old man, I'll tell them all the news. But I don't expect to be down again for some years."  
"Well, so long, Mac. So long, Andrew," and the little party broke up perhaps never to meet again this side of the Great Divide.

It would have made a fine stage setting, this parting of the pioneers. Chums for years in the rough mining country, bound together in friendship by a bond which cements more solidly than family relationship; meeting by chance after many years—and then the separation for the last, long time. And so the old-time partners went their various ways; and observant bystanders could not help but feel they were close in touch with one of those slight incidents in human experience which serves to indicate the futility of all things mundane.

Of interest to the public, is the big sale of all kinds of dry goods, going on at 23 Johnson street.

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ALTA'S CASE WON.  
Owned in Manila Is Entitled To Claim U. S. Registry.  
The United States court of appeals has handed down a reversed decision in the case of the barkentine Alta, which on arrival from the Philippines in April, 1903, was seized by the customs officials on account of failure to pay tonnage dues and light money. The Alta tendered \$77.31, the amount due from an American vessel, but the officials claimed she was not exempt and assessed her \$1,360.34. The Alta was built in Glasgow, but was sold to D. H. Ward, a born citizen of the United States, residing in Manila, and she was sent out to trade under a sea-letter issued by the United States collector of customs at Manila. The federal court held in favor of the government. Ward carried the case up and the present decision is that while the vessel is not actually entitled to American registry under a strict construction of the revised statutes she may be so regarded by virtue of the nationality of her owner, and that she is therefore exempt from tonnage tax.

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## Hospital Work At Chemainus

### Reports Read at Annual General Meeting Held Last Tuesday.

### Good Work Done the Past Year and the Institution is Flourishing.

At the annual general meeting of the Chemainus General Hospital Association held in Chemainus hall on February 14, 1905, Mr. A. J. Thurston in the chair, the following reports of the association were read and adopted:

The Members of the Chemainus General Hospital.

Gentlemen: Coming before you this, the sixth annual meeting of this corporation, your board of directors have much pleasure in submitting accounts of their stewardship.

In February, 1904, the first annual meeting was held. At that time the hospital was in course of construction, and was formally opened in May of that year with a mortgage of \$1,500 on the property. Today the property is free from debt, and has a balance to the credit of \$1,248.35. Two years many material additions have been made to the buildings and equipment. The credit of furnishing the hospital throughout is due to the Women's Auxiliary, who, since the incorporation of the hospital, have raised and expended \$3,000 in equipment, besides this in the improvement of the building, and in the purchase of land and the purchase of the building. Our cordial thanks are due the Women's Auxiliary. We do not hesitate to say that without their co-operation and assistance the hospital could not have been the successful institution it now is. For the past few years we have been particularly fortunate in having had in charge one who has worked hard and faithfully to maintain the efficiency of the institution.

We feel with much pride to the fact that our training school for nurses is now graduating some of its pupils, and we desire to thank the members of the medical fraternity who have assisted our work.

We also desire to extend our thanks to the friends of the hospital, and in the immediate vicinity and in adjacent communities, who have rendered much material aid, and have made us feel that we are engaged in a noble and useful work. We wish to thank the hospital staff and members of the board of directors for their kindly and courteous co-operation. Wishing our institution every success, I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully,

A. J. THURSTON, President.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Year ending December 31, 1904.

To cash in hand.....	\$ 299.71
To cash in bank.....	4,226.20
By disbursements.....	8,812.05
By balance.....	1,248.35
<b>Balance forward.....</b>	<b>\$1,111.76</b>

Meat, butter and milk.....	\$ 765.02
Greases and supplies.....	1,124.43
Drugs, instruments, etc.....	1,027.42
Fuel and light (new plant).....	506.10
Repairs and rentals.....	128.35
Provincial government.....	30.50
Salaries and wages.....	2,500.95
Laundry and sundries.....	314.00
Telephone to Xmas.....	20.00
Balance on Xmas machine.....	51.30
Mortgage and interest.....	500.00
Furniture.....	210.70
Fees to Jubilee hospital.....	27.25
For sick nurse.....	25.75
Balance.....	1,248.35
<b>Balance forward.....</b>	<b>\$1,111.76</b>
Employees, Lumber Co.....	400.25
Provincial government.....	401.36
Marine patients.....	47.14
Pay patients.....	422.10
<b>Salaries and wages.....</b>	<b>\$ 262.50</b>
Accounts payable.....	500.00
<b>Mortgage.....</b>	<b>\$ 989.78</b>
<b>Balance forward.....</b>	<b>\$1,248.35</b>

A. H. LEWIS, Secretary, Treasurer.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Gentlemen: I beg to report that I audited the books and accounts of the hospital for the year ending December 31, 1904, and have duly certified the balance sheet, also statement of receipts and disbursements, which I enclose herewith, having found all correct.

GEO. R. BLIOTT, Auditor.

### MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit my report for the year ended December 31, 1904, which, although showing a slight increase upon the previous year in the total number of patients treated in the ward, shows a marked increase over 1903 in the treatment of patients in outlying places, therefore a wider field of usefulness of the institution.

The total number of patients treated in the hospital during the year was:

Remaining in from previous year, 9; ad-

mitted during the year, 123; total, 132. In 1903 this total was 155. Of these 132 patients 49 came from beyond the limits of the Chemainus district, while in 1903 only 55 of the 155 were outsiders.

The daily average number of patients in the hospital this year was 4.19. Last year this average was 7.10. The total number of hospital days in 1904 was 2,260; in 1903, 2,507. The average days' stay in hospital in 1904 was 17.6; in 1903, 17.20.

The total number of treatments of outpatients, including visits of the R. M. O., to houses of subscribers was 1,712; last year, 1,688.

Among the numerous improvements to the premises and equipment made during the year there are to be especially mentioned:

A static and X-ray machine procured in January that has throughout the year worked satisfactorily and proved itself an invaluable assistance to us in our work.

A thoroughly up-to-date operating table has been added to our operating room, and equipment and is found to be quite satisfactory.

An acetone gas machine has been installed in the hospital, and the thoroughly equipped wards, staff quarters, etc., is now accomplished in a much more efficient manner than ever before, and with large saving in labor and little if any additional expense.

A marked improvement in the external appearance of the establishment has been worked by the grading and terracing of the piece of wild land that lay in front of the building, and we have hopes that in the coming summer this new lawn will be available for useful as well as ornamental purposes.

Hot and bathing house was built and was greatly appreciated throughout the summer months by the staff.

The permanent employment of an outside nurse to the credit of the hospital, the grounds in better order and the building in better repair.

In the new current year it will, I trust, be found feasible to still further improve our premises, and I would suggest that, should the completion of the already projected and partly carried out plans be more than the board feel themselves in a position to undertake, the plastering of the interior and the painting of the exterior of the building in the general ward be done if at all possible, and that the new operating and sterilizing rooms be given second class on our funds.

From the ladies of Cowichan and Mrs. Richard White of San Francisco, an excellent, was received an exceedingly handsome and useful ward ambulance.

The same generosity as has always marked our treatment at the hands of the Women's Auxiliary has again been extended to us throughout the year, and we tender these faithful workers our heartiest thanks therefor.

The King's Daughters of Cowichan have continued their gifts of magazines, etc., and to them and the many who have contributed flowers, books, etc., we render their thanks.

We are also deeply indebted to Dr. Perry of Duncan and Dr. Watson of Ladysmith for their promptness and willingness with which they have invariably responded to our calls upon them for assistance.

Our first graduation of a nurse was made this year. Nurse Hardie, after a faithful course of study, passed with excellent examination at the hands of the examiners of the P. R. Jubilee hospital of Victoria, and passed with great credit to herself and satisfaction to us.

The health of the staff throughout the year has been excellent, no illness of any consequence having occurred in our ranks. And I wish to express my personal thanks to our house and grounds committee for the unflinching attention given by them to the assistance of the staff for the cheerful, willing and efficient manner in which they have attended to their duties throughout the year.

I enclose the usual statistical lists, and beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

H. E. FRASER, M.D.,

Resident Medical Officer.

### MATRON'S REPORT.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit my report for the year just ended. There are three nurses in training; one nurse, Miss Hardie, graduated, and Miss Uren has been accepted as probationer. I received eight applications during the year for young ladies desiring to enter the hospital to train as nurses.

I am pleased to state that all the nurses have given every satisfaction in their work. I beg to thank Mrs. Davis, Insell, Hart, Fraser and Perry for examination papers for the nurses, and Drs. Perry and Rogers for lectures.

I also wish to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for their kindly interest in and services to the hospital, and the ladies of Duncan for the donation of a ward ambulance.

I also desire to acknowledge my gratitude to the directors for the kindly interest manifested in the welfare and efficiency of the hospital, and to the members of Chemainus for their generous and kindly treatment of the patients and nursing staff.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

H. E. FRASER, Matron.

### HOUSE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen: I beg to report that the committee have much pleasure in submitting their report for the past year, and while they have not done much towards additions to either the house or grounds, the point with pride to the institution as it stands today, and the condition in which they hand it over to their successors. The building of the hospital and isolation ward was about completed before our last annual meeting, as was also the installation of the hot air heating system.

The committee have much pleasure in having added much to the comfort of both patients and staff. The most material addition we have made the past year has been the installation of the acetone gas lighting system, which is proving very successful. The grounds are in good condition, and will by next spring add much to our already attractive surroundings. If our patients and staff continue we hope to see our successors carry out some improvements about the buildings which we have had under consideration but which have been thought best not to undertake until we were in better financial shape.

In conclusion, we commend our hospital to all our friends, and their support and co-operation in keeping it up to a high point of efficiency. We are, gentlemen, Yours faithfully,

J. S. GIBSON, Chairman.

### HOUSE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

The association, after receiving the reports, then proceeded to elect trustees to fill the vacancies caused by retiring members.

The retiring members were nominated and re-elected by acclamation.

Resolutions were adopted commending the medical officer and staff, also the Women's Auxiliary and all friends who have helped to make the hospital the successful institution it today is.

The meeting then adjourned.

Present board—A. J. Thurston, R. C. Fawcett, S. Ebb, Henry Fry, C. R. Elliott, H. G. Seaborn, A. H. Lewis, corporation directors; J. S. Gibson, E. J. Palmer, provincial government directors.

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### FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Feb. 21.—The operation in today's stock market were of a character to encourage the hope long deferred of an active entry into the market of the public at large.

The demand for stocks from this source has lately been entirely unobscured, but evidently was unmistakable today that the public was coming freely into the market. The tide of the buying demand had all of the impressive sweep of periods of wide spread speculation and the movements were characterized by lack of anything like a "rush" to explain them. The only news which seemed to be regarded, was an advance in prices. Union Pacific was the sensation of the market, and was irresistibly to a record price level.

The previous record of 133 was touched in May 1901, during the period of the "gold bug" when the stock in retaliation for the campaign by its owners for control of Northern Pacific Information from well informed sources predicted the idea that anything like a corner in the stock was threatened. Finally well informed authorities deprecated the talk that any plan was in progress looking to a change in the status of the company. Banking interests near to the company were authority for the opinion that the movement was purely due to speculation in Canada. An even more violent price movement was that in Sloss-Sheffield Steel, which was jumped up over 20 points. Rumors were plenty of a merger of Southern Iron companies, the reported abandonment of rate legislation for this season of Congress, the hope that the steel industry would be to be arbitrated and the belief that the war of rates of export grain will soon be terminated, were minor influences in keeping up the demand, but the great factor was the growth and spread of speculative excitement which brings crowds of buyers into the market.

The closing list was rather irregular, but the general character of the day's highly speculative market was not altered by this fact. Total sales, \$5,053,000. U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

### Money Market.

New York, Feb. 21.—Close: Prime Mercantile Paper, 3% to 4% per cent. Sterling Exchange, weak at \$1.27 to 30 for demand, and at \$1.25 to 15 for sixty days. Posted rates \$1.25 to \$1.26, and \$1.28 to \$1.29. Commercial bills, 1.25. Bar Silver, 61. Mexican dollars, 47. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds steady.

### Metal Market.

London, Feb. 21.—Consols for money, 111 1/4; for account, 90 3/4.

London, Feb. 21.—Lead, 112 1/8.

New York, Feb. 21.—Lead, \$4.45.

### Boston, Feb. 21.—Lead, was considerable buoyancy in the local copper market today, the entire list being very strong. Prices held well throughout the day and closed at the highest.

### BRITISH SPORTING NEWS

From Our Own Correspondent.

### PAPERCHASING.

There was no end of important cross-country events last Saturday. The South of the Thames championship at Redhill was decided under very pleasant circumstances, and the competitors all appeared to enjoy their outing. The manner provincial clubs support the race is most gratifying and metropolitan sportsmen would have been pleased had a country club taken the honors. Several "old-timers" run prominently, notably Joe Webb of Bath and F. J. Steadman of Epsom, who have splendid records in connection with the race and the Southern junior championship. Antwerp-Watford countryman, W. Harper also finished well up, but the "tail" of the Somerset team was not so strong as usual.

The writer was much taken with the running of F. H. Hulford in the ten-mile handicap, the last London & C. meeting, when the Herne Hill barrier finished second to Shrub. It was on this account that he recently suggested to A. Aldridge that Hulford was a likely man to head the field at Redhill. The prospective national champion, however, did not agree, his opinion being that heavy going would not suit Hulford. That the little runner overcame this difficulty was shown by the result, both on the flat and over field and fallow.

The most important of recent club championships was the Higgate Harriers' race at Bows' park. How Pearce surprised Aldridge of the title is now well known, and the victory is much discussed in athletic circles. Inasmuch as the two men have shown themselves next to Shrub in the southern cross-country runners, each has his own supporters for the "blue ribbon" of the South. After the victory of Aldridge in France, he was generally fancied for the race under notice. Pearce ran with lots of fire and spirit, his chief rival appeared to be labor. Aldridge worked just leading Pearce at the time he came a cropper, which shook him up a bit and enabled his opponent to get away. Pearce led by twenty yards at half distance, and finally gained, finally won by thirty-five seconds.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The selection committee have made some big changes in the "fifteen" to meet Ireland, the side that failed so badly at Cardiff. Five of the selected are new to international play, which is certainly daring policy. Only S. P. Cooper of the three-quarters, who played at Cardiff, has been asked to play for his own side, but the same "halves" will do duty. The "three" does not look any stronger (on paper) than the side beaten by Wales. The international (tomorrow) between Wales and Scotland promises to be a keen game, but the writer fancies the Welsh side will win by superior combination. Of recent Rugby matches, the country championship encounter between Yorkshire and Cumberland ranks first. This proved a very near thing, Yorkshire just winning by 4 points to 3. The trial match in Ireland, between Ulster and Munster, was also very evenly contested, the former's representatives winning by 5 points to 3. Cardiff disposed of the former's representatives winning by 5 points to 3. Cardiff disposed of the former's representatives winning by 5 points to 3.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

A splendid lot of veterans turned out for Ludgrove masters against Cambridge university this week and beat the latter by 4 goals to 2. Almost the same side met Oxford university two days later and again won, this time by 3 goals to 2, but the chapter of accidents prevent a line being obtained through the results.

For the third week in succession Newcastle United have tasted defeat, and the table is now headed by Everton. Manchester City, at home, proved too good (2-2) for the Newcastle team, which has fared badly of late. Birmingham City is really in the best position, with 31 points for 23 games, as while Everton and Sheffield United each claim a point more, the former have played one and the "Blades" two more matches.

The best performance on Saturday was the victory of Aston Villa over Sunderland (3-2) on the latter's ground. Blackburn Rovers also pleased the critics by the manner they triumphed against Sheffield Wednesday (2-1), on the champions' own patch. Notts Forest, 8-0; Middlesbrough, 4-0; North County are struggling to avoid the bottom of the table, the last two named being in the worst position.

Manchester United were not engaged in the second division championship on Saturday, but both Bolton Wanderers and Liverpool gained a brace of points. Bristol Rovers and Reading also improved their Southern League prospects by victories over Millwall and Tottenham Hotspur respectively. On the other hand, Southampton lost against Brighton and Hove, so the "Saints" lead in the table is only a nominal one.

### THE TURF.

The acceptances for the spring handicaps are very flattering to the adjuster of weights and make up for the falling off in the entries. There are some very interesting racing can be anticipated, for with the exception of Delaunay (withdrawn from the City and Suburban), the "cracks" remain in. Should Ypsilanti, Hackler's Pride and St. Ant face the barrier, this year's Lincoln will certainly rank high. The last-named colt is a strong fancy and Newswoman is also a popular choice with the "lawn in the street." Last year's Derby winner must certainly stand a big chance, if the colt can be brought to the post in the same form as when he scored at Epsom and in the Two Thousand Guineas. Newswoman did nothing last season, but if Robinson can induce him to show his two-year-old ability, there would be no need to look further for the winner. South African sportsmen will naturally be interested in Chariot, who receives 21 pounds from the top weight, also an aged animal. The withdrawal of Romps, however, is a considerable surprise, the animal being well treated. So far there have been no big bets booked, but the next few weeks will see some light thrown on the Lincoln and other big events.

Only half a dozen candidates have been withdrawn from the Grand National, but the cracks remain. Details, Mofatta and Kirkland, picked out by the writer when the weights appeared, hold prominent places in the quotations. Comments on the City and Suburban, Great Jubilee handicap and other events may be left for a future occasion. Mention, however, must be made of the fact that the reopening of the Chester cup (which did not fill) has resulted in 53 nominations being sent in, an increase of five on last year, which is satisfactory.

J. Hare, C. Trigg, W. Griggs and C. Escoff, who arrived in England by the last mail boat, speak highly of their treatment while in South Africa. Griggs and Trigg, and possibly others, will go out again for the next Johannesburg Christmas meeting, and if the English jockeys do as well as at the last, they will have no cause for complaint.

Lord Carnarvon is leading an expedition to try to find about 5000, collected in the charges for conveying horses by rail and stabling while at race courses. There is room for improvement in these matters and it is to be hoped good will come of it.

It is pleasing to be able to state that W. Lane is making rapid improvement at the seaside and there is talk of him riding again in a few months.

Congential weather has led to the suspension of racing, and the fact of the fact of all concerned, and the G. Wick and Kempton park fixtures have provided good sport. With Leinster, Ambush II and Shannon Laes among the runners in the Stewards' steeplechase at Kempton this afternoon, the race created much interest. As generally anticipated, Leinster, 11 stone 11 lbs. (top weight for the Grand National) proved successful, but the other two were not placed.

### THE RING.

All interested in boxing will hear with regret that Morgan Crowther was stabbed in the side by a bookmaker's clerk named C. F. Thomas, who at one time was in the Cape Mounted Police. The ex-lightweight champion is making satisfactory progress, and all who know him trust he will soon be around again.

We, in England, are hopeful that the offer of £1,000 for Jack O'Brien and T. Ryan to box at Newcastle will be accepted. A meeting between the famous two would certainly produce a splendid contest.

There have been no big affairs in home circles since last writing, but highly successful military entertainments were brought off at Dublin and Belford (Camp Salisbury Plain) recently.

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2	14:45	8.1	7:04	7.8	11:46	9.0
3	15:09	8.1	8:00	7.9	12:32	8.9
4	15:33	7.9	8:54	7.4	13:20	8.4
5	15:57	7.8	9:48	7.0	14:09	8.1
6	16:21	7.8	10:42	6.7	15:00	7.7
7	16:45	7.8	11:36	6.4	15:52	7.2
8	17:09	8.0	12:30	6.0	16:44	6.7
9	17:33	8.0	13:24	5.6	17:36	6.2
10	17:57	8.0	14:18	5.1	18:28	5.9
11	18:21	8.0	15:12	4.6	19:20	5.6
12	18:45	8.0	16:06	4.1	20:12	5.3
13	19:09	8.0	17:00	3.6	21:04	5.0
14	19:33	8.0	17:54	3.1	21:56	4.7
15	19:57	8.0	18:48	2.6	22:48	4.4
16	20:21	8.0	19:42	2.1	23:40	4.1
17	20:45	8.0	20:36	1.6	24:32	3.8
18	21:09	8.0	21:30	1.1	25:24	3.5
19	21:33	8.0	22:24	0.6	26:16	3.2
20	21:57	8.0	23:18	0.1	27:08	2.9
21	22:21	8.0	24:12	0.0	28:00	2.6
22	22:45	8.0	25:06	0.0	28:52	2.3
23	23:09	8.0	26:00	0.0	29:44	2.0
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30	25:57	8.0	32:18	0.0	35:48	0.0

The time used is Pacific standard for the 12th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. Esquimalt (at Dry Dock)—From observations during six months, May to October, 1904, the following observations were obtained at Esquimalt by Mr. F. N. Denison. For time of high water add 15 minutes to high water at Victoria.

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W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 3rd February, 1905.

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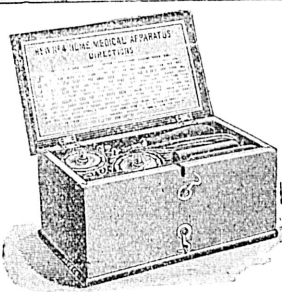
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Question of Municipal Management Likely to Cut a Very Large Figure.

Why Not Have Sanitary Officer Condemn Old Dilapidated Shacks?

Respecting the Songhees reserve embroglio, which has engaged public attention since the year 1885, to a greater or less extent, and which is now a live civic topic, it is to be mentioned a few weeks ago a suggestion was made to the corporation authorities which if acted upon would in the opinion of many solve the problem in a very efficient fashion.

It will be recalled by those who have followed the numerous recent discussions of the question, that at the instance of the city council, the city barister, W. J. Taylor, K. C., submitted an exhaustive report defining the status of the reserve and the Indians, giving it as his opinion that the Indian residents of the reserve could not give title to property even should they so desire, because of the fact that the treaty made with the Indians expressly stated that the land was to be held in perpetuity by the Indians and those who came after them. This it is clear that the present living Indians cannot sign away the rights of Songhees children yet unborn; and an obstacle presents itself which it would seem very difficult to surmount.

The suggestion made by a private citizen to the mayor, however, was somewhat original and outside of any of these complicated legal lines. It was to this effect, that the municipality should take immediate steps to enforce on the reserve the civic by-law which provides for effective sanitation. Thus the old shacks on the reserve which have been standing for a quarter of a century in a most dilapidated condition, an eyesore because of their ramshackle appearance, and a menace to the health of the community because of the lack of drainage facilities, may be condemned and pulled down by the sanitary officer in the pursuit of his ordinary duties in striving to protect the interests of the municipality.

The domiciles of the Indians, being thus destroyed, the city would have previously arranged for other habitations in

a convenient spot; and the question of the municipal jurisdiction over the reserve would be brought into the courts just the very consummation which is so much desired. That an area should exist within the confines of a municipality over which the corporation has no jurisdiction, and which in its present state constitutes a menace to the well-being of the people, without the city having any say in the matter is an obvious anomaly, intolerable in this present-day civilization.

It is argued that should the city condemn the shacks in this reserve an injunction would be immediately obtained to stay the proceedings. In the opinion of those who have given this matter some thought this would not in any sense be disastrous, as in any event the matter would be brought into the courts where it has not been for years, and a legal step taken towards solving this great problem. That the city should without any legal redress tolerate within its precincts an abominable Indian village is so obviously unfair and unjust as to be a self-evident outrage on British law; and it is assumed that if a drastic step such as is proposed were taken, the courts would speedily define the city's rights, and open an avenue for the achievement of what so many are striving to attain—a settlement of this vexed question.

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### LOG RUNAWAY.

Causes Serious Damage To Locomotive At Chemainus.

Chemainus, Feb. 21.—A wreck occurred on the Victoria Lumber company's railway yesterday morning. Several loads of logs standing on the main line at camp 6 got started down the heavy grade, and developing great speed ran into Sany locomotive No. 1, causing it to leave the rails. The engine only able to stop his engine when the logs struck the tank driving it up against the boiler and wrecking the rear end entirely. The train men jumped and got clear but the engine driver did not have time to get out of the cab. Engineer Morgan was bruised and shaken up and Fireman Stewart had a rib broken, both had a narrow escape from instant death. The logging trucks were badly broken, logs being scattered in every direction. It will take a week to repair the engine.

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## Tacoma Is Not At Japanese Port

Report That Blockade Runner Is at Moji Is Not Correct.

Brinkburn at Frisco Discharging Cargo—Empress Sails For Orient.

Steamer Brinkburn is at San Francisco discharging the cargo she was to have run to Vladivostok and the question has arisen as to who pays for demurrage and consequential loss. Captain Peters is sorry the owner has seen fit to cancel the expedition; he lost the bonus. As will be remembered when the Tottenham became the Brinkburn and a blockade-runner crew quit. Captain Peters communicated with her change of name, the owners said they would pay a bonus. The crew didn't think they needed the bonus, but others, either more adventurous or more needy, shipped in their stead. The ship's officers felt the vessel entitled to a bonus also, and Captain Peters was offered \$3,000 on arrival. Not for him, he said. Suppose he never saw Vladivostok? A rearrangement was suggested and it was agreed that he be given \$8,000 on arrival and another \$1,000 on arrival. He has the \$1,000, and regrets to give it up.

The Glenhurst now at San Francisco loading foodstuffs is the only prospective blockade-runner now on the coast, unless it be decided to send the just arrived Forest Brook to Vladivostok. Despite the fact that the Japanese blockade makes a net with fine meshes as navigators state the case all the Japs have to do is to guard a strait which is wide enough to let the blockade-runners pass—the Glenhurst is going to make the attempt, anyhow. That is, unless her owners also change their minds. In these days of close competition and sharp competition for low fares, it is not great to leave the safe but unremunerative paths of legitimate commerce and share in the high profits of blockade-running. As most of the vessels leaving American Pacific ports are playing cat and mouse, only Russia stands to lose anything.

Before the vessels leave port the representatives of the czar have handed to the owners of the blockade-runner the freight money, a sum to cover expenses and a paid-up insurance policy. If the blockade-runner is lost, the owners will receive the freight money and an additional bonus is paid to the owners, who share some of this extra profit with captain and crew.

If the Japanese seize and condemn the vessel, the officers and crew are brought home on a liner, and when the amount of the insurance policy has been collected the owner's books show the vessel sold at a generous figure.

As in the case of the Brinkburn, most of the officers decline to serve on a blockade-runner excepted, they fear the loss of their trade money. They take cognizance of their engagement in unlawful enterprise and punish them by taking away their licenses. Their positions are being filled at San Francisco.

Captain Peters of the Brinkburn when a lad of 22 had a most trying experience as a result of shipwreck. He was in a sailing ship wrecked on the Crozet islands, and with 48 survivors of the crew, he and his passengers, he was seven months on the uninhabited island, living on roots, grass, birds and eggs. One woman was among the shipwrecked company. The captain and mate of the vessel were both married. The captain had a wife and five children, there being no fuel and scant food on the island. The east-aways reached the island in mid-June. It was not until the following January that they were rescued.

### NOT AT MOJI.

Mystery Regarding The Tacoma Is Not Solved.

"Nagasaki prize court says Tacoma has not been captured. Is not at Moji. May be at Mori."

The above despatch from Washington has been received by the Western S. S. Co. owners of the steamer Tacoma, and with its receipt vanished the hope which the officers of the owning company have felt for the comparative safety of the steamer Tacoma, which sailed from the Sound on January 6th. Where the Tacoma is at present or what her fate is, the officers claim, a matter of complete ignorance to them.

On Friday word was received that the Tacoma was at Moji, but whether or not she was a captive was not stated. In an effort to find out the exact conditions a despatch was sent to Washington. From there inquiry was made by the Japanese minister to the States at Nagasaki, with the result stated.

At the local office nothing has been heard from Mori concerning the steamer, nor has any reply been received to messages sent to Dutch harbor, where the Tacoma was to be waiting the time of her leaving that place. Captain Trowbridge, general manager of the company, stated last night that he expected to hear from Dutch harbor today, and that unless it was found that the vessel had been captured, there he would be of the belief that she had ventured too far north and had been caught in the ice.

It is difficult to account for the statement in the Washington dispatch that the steamer may be at Mori. That port is in Bargo prefecture, but inland. The Tacoma could only get there by train or jinrikisha. It is unlikely that she took either.

### VICTORIA STEAMER.

The steamer Stanley Dollar of Victoria, B. C., of the Dollar Steamship Company was caught in a hurricane on a recent voyage from Moji to Hongkong, and four members of the crew were washed overboard by the immense seas which swept the vessel, doing considerable damage.

The news of the steamer's stormy passage was brought on the steamer Alsea which arrived at San Francisco. The officers of that vessel stated that the Stanley Dollar was placed on the drydock at Hongkong, where she was fitted out with another tall shaft and stern tube.

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## Provincial Legislature

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ary to work eight hours. But conditions were somewhat altered today. The management had changed from that of an old fashioned English company to that of a smart up-to-date American concern, and while the men were really supposed to work eight hours they were practically working nine. These conditions also prevailed in other mines of the province, notably at Fernie. In the old country at Northumberland and Durham there was an eight hour day for coal miners, and experiments had been made in that amount of work produced the shortening of hours was profitable. He assured the House that this was not a Socialistic measure.

Mr. McInnes asked if there was now a general penalty clause in connection with the act.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said there was, but it was ineffective.

Mr. McInnes asked for the opinion of the Attorney General as to whether the general penalty clause was applicable to the bill introduced last session by the member for Nanaimo?

The Attorney General said he had asked the hon. gentleman Mr. Hawthorthwaite if he understood the clause did not answer the purpose, and the hon. gentleman seemed to think it was not, and if it was not there could be no possible objection to the present bill.

Last session the House agreed that the hours of labor should not exceed eight hours, and there was no possible objection to making this bill effective. If they did wrong in passing the act of last session, it was not for anybody to bring in a bill to repeal it. The bill now before them imposed upon workmen a higher penalty than would be imposed under the general penal clauses of the act.

Mr. McInnes: Is there then any necessity for a measure of this kind?

The Attorney General: I have already explained that while there may be no amount of no insanity policy has been collected the owner's books show the vessel sold at a generous figure.

Mr. McInnes said he understood this bill proposed a larger penalty upon workmen than that provided by the penalty clauses. What workmen had sought this additional fine in case of violation of the act of last session? (Laughter.) It was well to know the source from which this legislation emanated as this must be the guide to members in pronouncing an opinion upon it. Personally although he lived in a mining district, he had never heard of an agitation on behalf of the miners, that in case they infringed the act brought in by his hon. friend that they sought this additional fine in case of violation of the act of last session? (Laughter.) It was well to know the source from which this legislation emanated as this must be the guide to members in pronouncing an opinion upon it.

Mr. McInnes thought the member for Sloam misunderstood the effect of the bill. As the Attorney General had (Continued on Page Three.)

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